

## A NATIONAL LIST OF SCIENTIFIC PLANT NAMES

The Department of Botany, Smithsonian Institution, was recently asked by the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to produce an updated, revised, and corrected edition of the *National List of Scientific Plant Names*, which was originally issued by the Service in 1971. The Department of Botany has agreed to undertake the revision of this checklist and looks forward to bringing the list to the attention of a much wider circle of botanists and conservationists. It will include the correct scientific names of all vascular plant taxa (including subspecies and varieties) in North America, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

In the process of revising the list, we will be soliciting the highly valued cooperation of numerous botanical colleagues early in 1978. In the published revision, full acknowledgment will be given to the people making individual contributions of data.

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